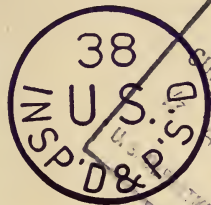


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This stamp on fresh and cured meat (and certain other meat products) shows that the meat was inspected and passed as wholesome food. The purple coloring is absolutely harmless.

This stamp printed on canned or packaged meat products shows that the contents were inspected and passed as wholesome food.



INSPECTION FOR WHOLESOMENESS is required by Federal law for concerns doing interstate business. This inspection is conducted by the Meat Inspection Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The numbers on the inspection stamps indicate the establishments where the meat was inspected.

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# ★ U.S. MEAT STAMPS

**THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF STAMPS** placed on meat by the Livestock Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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**ONE IS THE INSPECTION STAMP** used by the Meat Inspection Service to indicate that the meat was inspected and passed as wholesome food.

**THE OTHER IS THE MEAT GRADE STAMP** used by Meat Grading Service to indicate the market quality of the meat.

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## U. S. Meat Inspection Stamps

## U. S. Department of Agriculture

MEAT is graded on request by the Meat Grading Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The stamps are put on the meat with a harmless purple coloring. Below are the stamps of the four principal grades as they appear on beef, veal, lamb, and mutton.

U.S.  
CHOICE

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*\*High quality,  
threaded with fat.  
Very good for steaks  
and roasts.*

U.S.  
GOOD

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*\*Good quality for  
all uses. A little fat  
mixed with the lean.*

U.S.  
COMRCL

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COMRCL  
COMMERCIAL

*\*Fairly good quali-  
ty; very satisfactory  
for pot roast, stew,  
and other inexpensive  
dishes.*

U.S.  
UTILITY

U.S.  
UTILITY  
UTILITY

*\*Low priced, suit-  
able for pot roast,  
stew, and other inex-  
pensive dishes.*

\* These uses apply to beef only.

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